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FOR ASST SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMB. MC CLOSKEY

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SUBJECT: CALL BY AMB OF LEBANON

1. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR MOUNIR TAKIEDDINE, COUSIN OF PRIME MINISTER AND BROTHER OF MINISTER OF INTERIORPN RETURNING TO BEIRUT TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY TO LEBANON. ACTING ON INSTRUCTION, HE CAME TO MY OFFICE TODAY TO ASK WHETHER WE HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO HIS GOVERNMENT IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY. TWO SPECIFIC SUBJECTS HE MENTIONED WERE PALESTINIANS AND SYRIA: ON LATTER, HE SAID THAT LEBANON WOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE ANY APPROPRIATE STEP TOWARD ASSISTING IN NORMALIZING WASHINGTON/DAMASCUS RELATIONS.

2. REPLYING THAT I WAS WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY OFFICIAL SUGGESTIONS, I SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS APPROACH AND GET BACK IN TOUCH IF THERE WERE ANYTHING TO SUGGEST.

3. COMMENT: TAKIEDDINE UNANIMOUSLY REGARDED AS ABLEST DIPLOMAT HERE. LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY ENTHUSIASTIC WITH PROSPECT SECRETARY'S VISIT AND ENDEAVORING SCRUPULOUSLY INSURE ITS SUCCESS.
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